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IAC - Briefing for DCI

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Item No. 4 of the IAC Agenda (IAC-A-72)

1. NSC 116 provides for the Watch Committee to submit to the IAC its conclusions relative to the need for sending Warning-of-Attack messages. After IAC consideration NSC 116 further provides for the DCI to advise the NSC and the President prior to transmission of a warning message to NATO by the JCS. In the event sufficient time is not available the JCS are authorized by NSC 116 to transmit such messages without first securing approval of the NSC, the latter being so informed.

2. As no agency is specifically designated in NSC 116 to draft the NATO Warning-of-Attack messages, the attached JIC proposal recommends that the responsibility be placed in the Watch Committee.

3. Although the actual drafting of such a message may be considered an operational rather than an intelligence function, there appears to be no reason why CIA should not approve the proposal, on the understanding that it may be necessary in the interests of expediency for higher authority to draft the message in an emergency.

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